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WINTER HAS ARRIVED

For many of us, this past week's cold weather and snowfall was a harsh, bitter reality. But, for these young souls, it meant great sledding conditions and a lot of fun. They converged on the golf course hill last Sunday afternoon to enjoy the fresh snow.

Photo by Nicole Smith



Everything A-OK with Y2K in Didsbury and area

By Nicole Smith

When the clock struck midnight last weekend, everyone around town, and around the world, seemed to breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Despite all the hype and worry about the "Millennium Bug," not a thing happened.

There had been quite some concern for the past couple of years that power, water, heating and computer services may be affected when the world entered the new millennium.

Y2K compliance measures had been taking place with all the major service providers for the past six months or so, and even companies that were not-so-likely to be affected by the bug were preparing themselves.

Along with the major industries, the general public

was also preparing itself for any of a number of disasters that might have occurred.

Around Didsbury, emergency personnel were bumped up on New Year's Eve, as well, many utility workers were on call.

Sergeant Ron Platz of the Didsbury RCMP detachment, was pleased to report that nothing out of the ordinary occurred on the streets of town that evening.

"All in all, it was a pretty quiet night," he said.

Three impaired drivers were picked up under the new drunk driving laws, but that was about it.

He reported that no major problems occurred outside the bars in town, which had extended their hours of operation to 5 a.m.

The Didsbury detachment had four officers on that night, just in case anything happened.

Evan Parliament, the CAO for the Town of Didsbury, says that for the Town, Y2K was a "complete non-issue."

"Absolutely nothing happened," Parliament said. "There have been no reported problems at all."

The banks in town reported that on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, there was not an influx of business with people withdrawing their money from their accounts. It was just a regular payday Friday. All three banks in town did, however, have extra money on hand in case something did happen.

The Didsbury Hospital also is saying the nothing at all happened during the turnover

to the new millennium.

Reports from ATCO Gas and ATCO Pipelines said that nothing happened on their end either.

"Neither ATCO Gas nor ATCO Pipelines have any significant incidents of service interruptions to report," said a press release from the company.

The Power Pool of Alberta reported the same findings. Over 1,300 workers were on hand to ensure a smooth transition into the new year for Alberta's electric systems.

A press release from the company said:

"All operational, administrative and communications systems and services associated with the electrical system functioned as they would over the course of a normal

New Year's Eve."

If you were out and about on New Year's Eve, you may have noticed longer line-ups at the gas station.

Wendy Seymour, of Didsbury Esso, says that last Friday was a lot busier than normal.

"It was very busy and then the weekend was a lot quieter," Seymour said.

She says that some people who got gas that day, did attribute it to Y2K.

"Some were filling up both their cars, when normally they wouldn't," she said.

Besides the gas stations being swamped, probably the busiest places in town would have had to have been the liquor stores, with everyone stocking up for their New Year's celebrations.

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In the courts: blood alcohol over triple legal limit

By Colleen Horrigan and Dan Singleton

Man assaulted camper last fall

A 19-year-old man who admitted attacking another man at a campground near Sundre last summer has been fined.

Cody Jay Williams pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court Dec. 20 to a charge of assault.

Crown prosecutor Gord Wong told Judge Cheryl Daniel the accused was drunk when he punched and kicked the victim on Sept. 4, 1999.

The attack, which resulted in bruising to the victim, was wholly unprovoked, court heard. The accused admitted he was drunk at the time.

"You're an ugly, mean drunk," said Judge Daniel. "A better rule for you is you shouldn't drink." She fined Williams \$350.

Man smashed windshield

A 19-year-old man who smashed the windshield out of a car in Carstairs has been fined.

Robert Shawn Howard pleaded guilty to charges of property mischief damage, and break and enter.

Court heard a witness observed the accused jump onto the vehicle and kick in the window on Oct. 18, 1999.

The accused also admitted breaking into a tanning salon on Oct. 19, 1999, making off with a small amount of cash.

Judge Daniel handed the accused six months probation, 20 hours community service, and ordered him to pay \$80 restitution to the salon.

Driver was extremely drunk

A 56-year-old man who drove while his blood alcohol level was more than three times the legal limit has been fined.

Lyle Dallyn pleaded guilty Dec. 20 to a charge of impaired driving.

Court heard the accused was arrested on July 20, 1999 after police observed him driving erratically.

RCMP had been tipped off by a citizen that the accused's vehicle was weaving on the highway, nearly causing a collision in the process.

Breathalyser tests taken af-

ter his arrest indicated Dallyn's blood alcohol level was 300 and 290 mg per cent.

The legal limit is 80 mg per cent.

"You were very drunk, very drunk," Judge Daniel told Dallyn.

"You could have killed someone."

She fined the accused \$600 and handed him a one-year driving prohibition.

Page will return to court later this month

Darrin James Page, charged in connection with the deaths of Kenneth Gebers and Korena Hobbs, is scheduled to return to Didsbury provincial court Jan. 26, 2000 for election and plea.

At that time, the Crown prosecutors will submit how they wish to proceed and the accused will plead either guilty or not guilty to the various charges he faces, and a trial date will likely be set.

Man's blood alcohol over double legal limit

A 20-year-old man entered a guilty plea to charges of blood alcohol exceeding 80 mg and being the registered owner of a vehicle without insurance in Didsbury provincial court on Dec. 22.

The RCMP pulled over the

accused, Carl Matthew Waggoner, in Olds on Sept. 25, 1998 after they observed him driving erratically. Crown prosecutor Gord Wong told the court.

Three breathalyser tests resulted in measurements of 190 mg, 150 mg and 170 mg per cent of alcohol in his blood, and police also found that the accused had no insurance at the time.

Judge L. Mandamin handed Waggoner a \$750 fine, plus a 15% victim fine surcharge for the charge of blood alcohol exceeding .08.

The accused was also fined \$500 for the no insurance charge and was sentenced to a nine month driving prohibition.

Man fined for breach of probation

Dale Jordon McDonald admitted to a charge of breach of probation on Dec. 22.

Court heard the accused was charged after being observed under the influence of alcohol by RCMP, contrary to a condition of his probation that he refrain from alcohol consumption for a period of 18 months.

Judge Mandamin fined the accused \$200, with a victim fine surcharge of \$30. McDonald has until Feb. 29, 2000 to pay.

Looking forward to fourth phase of cuts

On Jan. 1, 2000 middle-income Albertans benefited from the fourth phase of Alberta's tax reduction plan.

"I can't think of a better way to start off the new year than with a tax cut to those who have been waiting for some tax relief," said Provincial Treasurer Stockwell Day.

The elimination of the 8% surtax has been moved up 18 months. The surtax was imposed in 1987 as a deficit elimination tax on Albertans with incomes over \$44,000. However, there hasn't been a deficit in five years.

The first phase of tax cuts occurred in 1997 with the introduction of the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit. The AFETC primarily benefits low-income working Alberta families.

However, reduced benefits are phased in to middle-income earners up to \$50,000.

The second phase was in 1998 and consisted of doubling the AFETC to a maximum of \$1,000 per family and reducing the basic tax rate from 45.5% of federal tax to 44%, which benefited all Albertans.

The third phase occurred on July 1 of last year, when Alberta paralleled the federal government's increase in the basic personal exemption, saving Albertans a total of \$75 million in 1999.

This fourth phase is part of the Alberta government's new tax system, announced in Budget '99 last March.

The last phase will take place on Jan. 1, 2001 with the full implementation of the tax system.

"This is a very exciting time to be an Albertan. In just one year, our bold new tax system will be up and running."

The rest of the country is watching and we're going to show them how to achieve the significant tax reform that people are demanding," said Day.

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Olds Fire Department to back out of deal

By Nicole Smith

The Olds Fire Department made a delegation concerning a full time fire chief to a not so happy Mountain View County council on Dec. 22.

The fire department representatives weren't there to ask the county for funding concerning a full-time chief, but only to let them know of their plans.

The Town of Olds had heard the department's plans prior to the county meeting, and had accepted the idea as information, but is being investigated for next year's budget.

Also, a letter was sent to council from the Town of Olds concerning a Share Service Agreement. The Town is wishing to dissolve its agreement with the county effective Dec. 31, 2000, because they believe they have not received full financial compensation for the services it extends to county residents surrounding Olds.

County council was not so pleased with the town or the department's plans.

"It makes me wonder why Olds wants it's own paid fire chief," said Councillor Pat James. "I think this is just a turf protection thing."

Council equated this request with the idea that the Olds department was not interested in regionalization.

"As soon as a good idea comes along, Olds goes and takes the middle out of it," said James. "I think that's what's going to happen."

James continued, saying that the idea did not sit well with him at all.

"I think it's very self-serving for Olds to do something like this," said James.

"I really am quite disturbed by this."

Brian Powel, the Captain of the Olds Fire Department, suggested that James have an opportunity to read the plan before making a judgement on it.

A study was started at the beginning of 1999, and was presented to county council.

Don Graham, Olds Fire Department Safety Officer, assured council that fire protection would remain the same.

"None of the way that fires are fought will change," Graham said.

The department representatives said the reasoning behind the fire chief request is that the Olds Fire Department is experiencing what they call "volunteer burnout." They hope that having a paid chief would somewhat deter this.

"We're here to identify a need and that need, as volunteers, is that we're over-worked," said Powel.

County council accepted the department's plans as information only.

\$10,000 earmarked for Didsbury youth initiative

By Colleen Horrigan

The issue of youth in Didsbury has been thrust into the limelight lately, and the Community Services Advisory Board has proposed a plan to earmark \$10,000 to help find and implement solutions to the youth issues in town.

After the Dec. 1 decision to relocate the gazebo, town council's attention was brought to the community youth that often spent a lot of time there.

It was decided that the issue be put to the Community Services Advisory Board to

identify these youths and ways to help them find more constructive things to do.

A meeting occurred between Wendy Bauer, Scott Stetson, Councillor Peter Versluys on behalf of the Community Services Advisory Board, and a youth specialist.

Councillor Versluys presented the outcome

of this meeting to town council Dec. 22, outlining the board's plan to possibly contract this specialist for a six-month period, to assess the needs of Didsbury's youth and

come up with some recommendations.

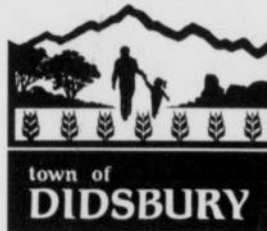
The board's proposal was to earmark \$10,000 for this project.

This money would come from the 1999 Program Grant funding, which has unexpended funds at this time.

If these funds are not used, they must be returned to the provincial government.

After discussion on what was expected from this specialist, Versluys told council he anticipates needs will be identified, with the specialist gathering input directly from the youth.

Council passed a motion to endorse the board's decision to earmark the funds in association with youth directives in Didsbury at the regular town council meeting Dec. 22.



Charges laid against Mountain View Ambulance

By Nicole Smith

The owner of Mountain View Ambulance will be making a court appearance on Jan. 24, after charges were laid against the company two weeks ago.

Corporal Vaughn Christensen of the Didsbury RCMP detachment said that a complaint was received from the Town of Didsbury at the end of last September concerning the ambulance provider and an investigation into the company subsequently ensued.

Christensen says that Bryan MacDonald, the owner of Mountain View Ambulance, has been charged with false pretense, a type of fraud.

MacDonald will appear in Didsbury provincial court near the end of the month.

Evan Parliament, CAO for the Town of Didsbury, says that the Town is not commenting on the issue but ensures the public that everything is "status quo" as far as ambulance service goes to the residents of Didsbury and surrounding areas.

MacDonald refused to comment on the matter.

Mountain View Ambulance services Didsbury, Olds, Carstairs and Cremona, with stations out of both Didsbury and Olds.

Public meeting about hospital's future to be held

... and other town council notes

By Colleen Horrigan

Public meeting re: hospital

At town council's regular meeting Dec. 22, a motion was passed to hold a public meeting to inform the public of the outcome of the various meetings that have been held with hospital officials regarding the future of the Didsbury Hospital.

The meeting, which was a motion brought to council by Councillor Gary Dolha, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Jan. 11. To be held in the Multi Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex, the meeting is expected to be a well-attended open forum by many citizens of Didsbury.

Mayor Ray Lea said the Health Authority 5 board of directors, the MLA and other communities will be invited to the meeting, which he will chair.

"We hope to come up with some really good, positive feedback from the people," Lea said.

Council members discussed various venues that will be used to spread word of this meeting to all citizens of Didsbury and district, as they want as many people as possible to be given the chance to attend.

Mayor Lea noted the need for a cohesive public statement to be formed outlining immediate plans for the Didsbury Hospital, and to be presented at the next regular board meeting of Health Region 5, which is scheduled for the third week in January.

Councillors discussed the public statement previously made by the HA5 board that no decisions will be made without public support, and felt this meeting would allow the public to make their feelings clear to the board.

Trains will keep whistling

Wes Yeoman, Director of Operational Services and Evan Parliament, C.A.O. traveled to Calgary to meet with officials regarding the cessation of the train whistles in Didsbury.

At the meeting, Yeoman and Parliament asked why the trains stopped whistling in Olds about six months after the application to have them stopped, and Didsbury still has train whistles 18 months after applying in the same manner.

The answer given was that whistles were stopped in Olds

on the condition that a chain link fence be installed. Upon recent inspection of the fence, holes were found which would allow for multiple paths across the tracks, so the train whistles were ordered to be reimplemented.

CP Rail officials are planning inspection of the track in Didsbury, but Yeoman pointed out to council that numerous paths across the tracks are evident, so expectations of having the whistles stopped in Didsbury are low. Yeoman said CP is "more prone to keeping the whistle on if there's any reasonable doubt."

Traffic by-law

Council granted first reading to the traffic by-law, a revised version of the previous traffic bylaw.

Changes include truck parking, which will only be allowed on 19th St, and large vehicle parking permits, which are issued by the by-law officer, and can be revoked by council. Also, permits will only be granted if the residence where the large vehicle will be parked is a minimum of 0.3 of an acre.

Annual equipment budget

Council passed a motion to adopt in principle an annual budget amount of \$65,000 for the Capital Replacement Plan. This money will go toward replacement of various pieces of equipment and vehicles, as they are scheduled to be replaced. Councillor Dolha expressed concern that budgets should be checked first, because if the actual cost is higher than anticipated, mill rates could be affected.

Cemetery rates increased

Council granted approval of revised cemetery rates, effective Dec. 23, 1999. Some of the increases include: plot price changing from \$200 to \$300 for a Didsbury resident, and \$500 for a non-resident; opening and closing of a standard plot on weekdays to cost \$325 from Nov. 1 - April 30 rather than \$250, and on weekends and holidays to cost \$425 during those months, rather than \$300.

Arena rates to increase

Council approved a motion to increase rental and user fees at the Memorial Complex Arena.

Increases of \$5-\$10 per hour for all categories of users will take effect Sept. 1, 2000.

Didsbury library very busy

The Didsbury Municipal Library has been so busy lately, it requested a staff hours increase of 10 hours per week. Effective Jan. 1, the increased hours will help Library staff keep up with the demand for services they have been experiencing.

With the new services such as Internet access and computer access to other libraries across Alberta, the Library needed 10 additional staff hours per week, which will mean an additional \$7,000 would be added to the Library's annual budget. The request was approved by council.

Colts to host All-Star game

Correspondence received from the Mountain View Colts indicated the team will be hosting the Heritage League All-Star Game Jan. 15.

The team requested that Mayor Ray Lea speak some words of welcome at the event. This request was granted by council.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Y2K

Happy Y2K, Didsbury! Or should that be Y2OK?

After a good couple year's hype about all that may go wrong at the turn of the century, it's funny that absolutely nothing happened. No power outages, no telephone problems, no computer glitches. The only problems that did occur at this past new year's celebrations, were a couple of brawls, but that's to be expected no matter what year it is.

While thousands of people were out dancing in the streets and partying it up last weekend, there were even thousands more who sat at home glued to their television sets watching the happenings around the world. Personally, I did both.

I watched the first marriages of the new millennium, saw the first babies born, and even witnessed the first golf swing of the year 2000. I'm surprised that the first toilet being flushed and the first batch of chocolate chip cookies baked weren't also telecast.

But seriously, for those who chose to party, what a party it was. It was interesting seeing how different cultures rang in the new millennium and then slowly watch the celebrations spread across Canada's major centres. Never in my lifetime will I witness such an event again.

Now that all the hoopla's over, I've been wondering about this whole Y2K thing. I kind of giggle at those people who spent thousands and thousands of dollars preparing their homes for a complete shutdown of services. While they were out buying generators and bottles of water, many of us were out stocking up on champagne and party favours.

Now that it's all over, who has more to show for it? I suppose that if I were wanting to buy a second-hand generator, now would be the time to do it. But really, what an expense for those who actually thought that everything would go down on the eve of a new era.

Myself, I didn't really worry about anything. I didn't fill my bathtub with water, unplug all my appliances or withdraw my money from my bank. I looked forward to the parties and celebrations, but didn't bat an eyelash at the possibility of disaster.

But, kudos to all those around town, around Canada and around the world, who worked so hard, just in case something did happen. Although it was an effort that didn't really pay off, the effort is greatly recognized none the less.

I must admit, that after all the hype about Y2K, I was a little disappointed that nothing happened. It kind of makes you wonder who started all this expensive Y2K compliance stuff in the first place. Just a thought.



Nicole
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Lethargic legislative legacy

By Walter Robinson, Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

If anyone dares to tell you that federal MPs accomplished a great deal in the fall sitting of the House of Commons, you may want to ask them how long they've been a member in the flat earth society.

Since the Throne Speech in mid-October, the government has worked very hard - day in and day out - to pass three, that's right, count 'em, three Bills into law. While many Canadians know that Bill C-9, more commonly referred to as the Nisga'a Treaty Act, was passed, we shouldn't forget two other pieces of legislation which also became law.

Bill C-4, which deals with an agreement among several nations for use of the International Space Station, was also passed. Gee, I'm sure glad they've taken care of that. If Y2K panic and terror did strike, a few of us could at least have gone stateside (provided we make it past the multi-hour border lineups), hopped a space shuttle and hid out in the space station until things on Earth straightened themselves around.

On a more serious note, Bill

C-6 which dealt with the protection of personal information that is collected, used or disclosed in various electronic commerce and Internet related transactions, was passed. For this the government is to be commended.

However, after nine weeks of sitting, this is all the government has to show for its effort. Of course, Liberal MPs already complained that Reform's procedural stalling (over 471 separate voteable amendments to the Nisga'a Treaty Act) derailed their agenda.

The more appropriate explanation for the lack of progress on some 21 government Bills (not to mention opposition or Senate initiated Bills) is that Parliament started three weeks later than anticipated. But this may have been a Christmas blessing in disguise. Stalling on Nisga'a did delay some other pieces of contentious legislation, most notably, Bill C-2, the new Elections Act. C-2 proposes sweeping changes to the Elections Act including a gag law on so-called "third party" spending which is fundamentally anti-democratic.

With the budget slated to occupy most of Parliament's time when it reconvenes in February, this delay gives a variety of C-2 opponents a chance to regroup and plot strategy for hearings in the Senate.

Furthermore, the government's snail-like pace with legislation ensured that many of the grandiose spending initiatives outlined in the Throne Speech have remained as mere words on paper as opposed to

becoming Bills before Parliament.

On the other side of the House, opposition members (and some Liberal backbenchers) brought in the usual slew of private member's Bills dealing with everything from deficit prevention to protection of Social Insurance Numbers.

While most of these initiatives are doomed to die on the order paper, one of them is most deserving of criticism.

Bill C-337, introduced by Saskatchewan Reform MP Jim Pankiw, would raise the bar for political parties to qualify for "official party status" in the House of Commons.

Instead of the current 12 seats, Mr. Pankiw believes that "parties" should only be recognized as such if they have at least 10% of the seats in the Commons and have members from a minimum of three provinces.

Such requirements would only leave the Liberals and Reform as officially recognized parties. The Bloc, the NDP and the PCs would all be out of luck.

A spokesman for Mr. Pankiw's office told the CTF that the bill was designed to reduce research costs now allocated to five parties.

While we're all for reducing wasteful government spending, it should not be done at the expense (pardon the pun) of democratic expression. Thankfully Pankiw's Bill is probably destined to become nothing more than a footnote in Hansard. If only we could do the same with Bill C-2.

Did you know?



Council passed first reading of the new Traffic By-Law (#99-17) on Dec. 22, 1999. By-Law 99-17 deals with the truck by-law, pedestrian by-law and traffic by-law. Most of the changes to the previous by-law have been to handicap parking, pedestrians congregating on the sidewalks and roadways and to the truck route and truck parking permit system.

If you would like a copy of the new by-law for review, copies are available at the Town Office. By-Law 99-17 will be presented to Council for second reading at the Jan. 12 meeting.

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OPINIONS EDITORIAL

A twist of fate



Colleen
HORRIGAN

The road I have traveled in the past few years has led me to work towards my journalism degree, and thus has brought me to Didsbury. Since I'm one of those people who believes things always happen for a reason, I have spent some time thinking about why I've ended up on this road, and why it brought me here. And especially now that the road is taking me back out of Didsbury, and returning me to school in Calgary to complete my degree, I'm wondering what role this stretch of my path will play in my life.

True, my journey through Didsbury has been filled with ups and downs, and some unexpected twists and intersections, but my path has been lined with flowers and there have been many sunny days.

I have met so many kind and interesting people in the past few months, I can't begin to acknowledge all of them, and I'm sure the impact they will have on my life won't become apparent even to me for some time. Maybe someday I will return to small town living because of this experience. Or maybe I will become really involved in charity work or volunteering because of the kindness I have been shown. Whatever happens, I am sure I will not forget this community or the people here.

And someday when I can look back and really know the effect this experience has had on me, maybe I will also figure out what caused me to pursue journalism in the first place. I have discussed with various classmates why they have chosen this path, and have heard different answers. For some, it is the idea that journalists are the essential watchdogs of our society, and are necessary to keep people informed. Others have seemed more interested in becoming famous like Barbara Walters or taking the place of Lloyd Robertson as "Canada's most trusted news anchor". Personally, I have jokingly declared that I am in journalism because I want to be a superhero.

When I first say this, the reaction I often get is a roll of the eyes, or at least a raised eyebrow. But I think the supporting evidence is quite strong, when you really look at it.

Clark Kent was a mild-mannered reporter when not in his red and blue tights, playing the role of Superman. His girlfriend Lois Lane was also a journalist for the same newspaper, the Daily Planet. Since they were among the first to hear about the current events in Metropolis, they were able to both stop the bad guys and write stories about them.

Spiderman's alter ego was Peter Parker, a photographer for the Daily Bugle. Batman went out with a journalist, at least in one of the relatively recent movies. Her name was Vicki Vale.

Even some of the newer superheroes are involved with journalists, like the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The only human that was welcome in their secret home in the sewer was their friend April, who was of course a journalist. So I figure that if I follow this path long enough, I might become a superhero. Or at the very least, I am sure to meet one.

Price war in health care

A press release from the Alberta First Party

Recent price wars between MRI clinics have representatives of the Alberta First Party all smiles. "This is exactly the effect that the introduction of competition would have on the public health care industry," said Wes Quinton, party executive director. "If the system changed to allow money to follow the patients to the health care facility of their choice, health care providers would then have to compete with each other for patients."

"Patient choice (competition) would force improvement in both access, quality, and efficiency. The recent reduction in MRI prices in Edmonton is proof of that," insists Quinton. The introduction of a new MRI facility in the Edmonton area has created a pricing war with charges dropping from \$750 to \$500.

As it currently stands, hospitals do not compete for the funds they receive. Rather, the money is made available on a per-capita basis. Under this scenario, if a hospital provides poor service and is slow to move with technology, they get the same amount of money they would have received if they had provided excellent service. "The current system rewards unproductive behaviour causing the long waits, poor service, and large expense."

"We need a publicly funded health care system that provides timely, efficient, and reasonably priced health care service when and where it is needed," explains Quinton. "This would best be done with a comprehensive insurance system with the province being the only insurer, and by allowing the delivery system to be operated by those who know how to deliver health care."

The Alberta First Party proposes a system, where like doctors, a health care provider must operate wholly within the system or wholly without. If doctors are any indication, the likely scenario is that a great bulk of the health care delivery will occur within the system since only two doctors have chosen to operate privately. "This would allow for competition within the public system and at the same time broaden the choice for all of us. Since there would be no mixing of public and private business, it would be truly a single tier system for all Albertans."

Minister of Health responds to private health care proposal

Dear Editor,

The recent Alberta proposal to establish private, for-profit hospitals has sparked much discussion about the future of Canada's public health care system. This debate is welcome and necessary. But it should not be seen as a choice between change and the status quo. That is a false dynamic. To me, the question is not whether change is necessary. Rather, it is what kind of change is necessary to make quality care accessible and to preserve the public's faith in our health care system.

The road travelled: Before we go forward, let's look back, to know how we got here, and why. Thirty years ago, health care meant two words: hospitals and doctors. That's where and by whom most care was provided. We went to the family doctor for primary care and to the hospital for tests, acute care, recovery and rehabilitation. Those involved in our care were in the same building, and could speak to each other. The pieces were all within reach, and more or less fit together.

When the Canada Health Act was written, it reflected that reality. Public coverage was guaranteed only for hospital care and doctors' services.

That was fine, for the time. But since the 1970s, the nature of health care services has evolved, while the system of public funding by and large has not. The circle of health care providers has widened and instead of a single site, patients now go to a number of places: the community clinic, the rehab centre, or long-term care. New technology means care on an out-patient basis, or even at home. Hospital stays are shorter because of new techniques and new drugs. But because they are now delivered outside the hospital, many services (and many prescription drugs) now fall outside public coverage. Private spending on health is therefore up sharply.

To complicate things further, public spending on health diminished while these changes were occurring. Through the '70s and '80s, demand for health care services grew, and budgets kept pace. But when economic growth slowed and revenues declined, something had to give.

Spending on hospitals was cut, dropping from almost half of health spending 25 years ago to less than one third today. In effect, hospital services have been downsized, but the system as a whole has not been transformed. The portion of overall health spending borne privately by Canadians has grown, while that provided by government has fallen.

That is the state of affairs we now confront. These complex challenges mean that merely spending more is not enough. The spending must be strategic, to achieve the changes we need.

Renewing medicare through innovation and cooperation: And so, if that is the diagnosis, what is the

prescription?

Some suggest that if there is growing tension between the principles of Canadian health care and what's going on on the ground, the answer is obvious. Get new principles. Forget about equal access. Let people buy their way to the front of the line. Treat health care like a business. Make it "the swivel of the financially fittest."

I reject that answer because public medicare is the superior approach. This is not rigid ideology. It's a value judgment, based on the facts. Those facts show that none of the alternatives is as fair or as cost-effective as our single-payer universal system. Its social equity reflects our Canadian values. Its cost effectiveness confers an economic advantage that makes our business sector more competitive.

But while the values endure, our methods of delivering service must change through innovation if we are to continue to provide access to quality care. I believe profoundly that the status quo is not an option.

Primary care reform: For example, all governments have agreed on the need for real reform of primary health care, moving toward the kind of community health model where doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses and other providers work in partnership to make the most efficient use of resources. This also means getting the number of doctors and nurses right, and deploying them in a way that will make care accessible. We want to take the burden from hospital emergency rooms and to focus not just on treatment, but on health promotion and disease prevention, while at the same time examining alternative payment methods.

Home and community care: Governments across the country have also identified access to home and community care services as a priority. The hospital sector has been down-sized, but cost-effective home and community care has not always been built up at a corresponding pace. The burden of care has too often been shifted to families.

Increased home and community care services, including long-term care beds, would go a long way to resolving the current problems in emergency wards. Many people taking up acute care beds, and preventing further admissions, are waiting to be transferred to community care that does not exist.

Information: The health care system must be better integrated, to overcome its present fragmentation. Patients are too often left to fend for themselves: to find the right specialist, the nearest facility, the best treatment. Patients are often forced to repeat lab tests, to recount their medical history time and again, to carry their own files or their test results from office to office.

One important way to integrate health care is to link the provid-

ers by information technology. We need to accelerate the work already being done with the provinces to better use health information to integrate the systems and serve patients better.

Waiting lists: Getting people the services they need within a reasonable time is crucial to keeping public confidence. While many challenges remain, real progress is being made.

The Ontario Cardiac Care Network is an example of wisely placed money and good management making a difference. The four western provinces are just completing work that will tackle waiting lists in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba for a range of services including hip and knee replacements. With an aging population, these strategies will be crucial in meeting demands. In sum, this is an agenda that strives for significant change, not the status quo. All of these innovations can and should be made within our public medicare system and within the principles of the Canada Health Act. And they need to be pursued on an urgent basis.

Expanded privatization: The recently released Alberta proposal raises the issue whether the expansion of private, for-profit facilities will help sustain the system, or undermine the letter and spirit of the Canada Health Act and public health care.

Ten days ago I wrote a letter to the Alberta Minister of Health and Wellness raising several concerns. I eagerly await his response. I asked for the basis for his belief that contracting out to private, for-profit hospitals will cost less or shorten waiting lists faster than the same amount invested in public hospitals. I told him I worried about patients in private, for-profit hospitals being pressured to pay extra for goods or services they do not need. I raised concerns about the precedent that may be set for American for-profit health care providers looking to set up shop in Canada. I asked about the effect that "for profit" hospitals might have on the principle of accountability, and accessibility by Canadians to public health care, regardless of their financial means.

I do not raise these concerns order to advocate for the status quo. But I do believe that we have to think through the long-term implications of a further shift to private, for-profit delivery. Will it help solve the problems we face? Is it consistent with the basic Canadian values of caring and sharing?

To me, the need for significant change is beyond debate. The real challenge is to ensure that any change we pursue does not move us away from the principles of Canada's medicare.

Sincerely,
Allan Rock,
Minister of Health

FROM THE MAILBAG

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school. Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995. Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough. They will return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.



Dear Friends,

It's December 31st here and I want to send this before the New Year. It's been the new year for several hours in New Zealand and things are reported to be normal there. I don't expect much to go wrong here, but Nigeria is less developed than New Zealand and has older computers. We'll see in just a few hours.

I've actually been fairly productive this week. For several days after Christmas, I took it easy, trying to get rid of a head cold. By

Wednesday, I was feeling well enough that I not only went to the bank, I bought a new carburetor for the car and put it in. It only took about an hour, but it was gratifying to be able to do it. Some 'helpful' mechanic a while ago must have exchanged my carburetor for a piece of junk. Last year I had it fixed up, but the time was definitely here to replace it. Now it's done. I took the car for some other repairs, to be ready to go get Janet from Kano on the 9th.

I also am working at learning the new typing program because I'll be teaching it the next nine weeks. It's not that different from what I've used, but I needed to learn some of the things for teaching and testing with it. I also need to do my lesson plans for when School starts. That's quite soon.

It has been cool for Nigeria. We've had heavy harmattan (cool dust-bearing breeze from the Sahara) for several days so everything is coated with dust. The lady who helps keep our house operating won't be in until next Wednesday, so I might have to clean before then. I've actually eaten several meals at home this week. I've enjoyed a salad that has lettuce, tomatoes, bacon bits, peanuts, and lots of Ranch dressing. It makes a complete meal with a few Pringles. There may still be hope that I'll lose a bit of weight before Janet gets back.

She's been busy cleaning and organizing her father's house. She phoned this morning and indicated that she still has more to do than she can get done before she returns. The last few days before coming to Nigeria are usually pretty hectic, so she will be very busy. We thank God that her father seems to be settling into the care facility. Janet will spend the New Year with her sister and Y2K-minded brother-in-law. I asked about purchasing Bill's inverters when Y2K is past, but he's thinking about going "off grid" and being self-sufficient. I wish him success.

I trust that each of you will have a prosperous and joyful new year. May God grant you hope and encouragement each day.

Sincerely,
Dan, for both of us

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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Expecting to have a say in the future of the Didsbury hospital

Dear Editor,

In the year 1215 AD, in a small field in southern England, the then King of England reluctantly signed a document called the Magna Carta.

Essentially what the document declared was that the king would no longer collect taxes from the people he ruled without them having some say in how that money was to be spent.

The statement in effect declared that there would no longer be "taxation without representation", which has been the foundation of democracies ever since.

The recent events surrounding the threatened closure of the active acute care part of the Didsbury Hospital is a good example of that principle being ignored. The Klein government has replaced the elected Hospital Boards with a system of Health Authori-

ties, members of which are appointed by the Minister of Health and are responsible to him, not to the citizens.

We probably can't change all of this overnight, but we as citizens of Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Water Valley and the County of Mountain View can, and I think should, organize a "save our hospital" committee.

We can gather the facts of the situation regarding the local hospital, act from a broad base of support and press for what is best for our communities.

We appreciate what the Didsbury, Carstairs and County of Mountain View councillors started last week by meeting with our MLA, Mr. Marz and three members of the Health Authority 5.

The problem is that these councils cannot be expected to carry the ball alone on this

issue. Not because they aren't good citizens, but because they are already loaded (or over-loaded) with numerous issues, having to seek approval from a number of different government departments for other concerns in their jurisdictions. There is the real danger that if our councils take too firm a line on this hospital issue, they could put themselves in jeopardy in getting government support for other projects.

We need to get away from the atmosphere of "secret" meetings, rumours, misinformation and lack of information. We need to proceed to "tell" the Health Authority and the Minister of Health and the Premier that we expect to have a say in how our money is spent and our citizens are treated.

Sincerely,
Stan Bell,
Carstairs, AB



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Town Office: 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Shop Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Landfill Site Hours: 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.

Didsbury Aquatic Centre Schedule

Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre

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335-8343

335-8653

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Library Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues. -
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Main Street Project Office
Rosebud Valley Campground

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335-8193

335-3265

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New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 59 - 99	1514 - 14 Street	Single Family Dwelling & R2 Basement Suite
DP 112 - 99	1608 - 20 Street	Change of Use C1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on January 19, 2000.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

The Town of Didsbury is now accepting applications for Year 2000 FCSS Funding. If your non-profit organization falls under the mandate of FCSS, you may be eligible for funding. To make application, please contact Alana Hagel at 335-3391 or drop by the Town Office to pick up an application form.

Application deadline for first round funding is January 10, 2000.

MEMORIAL COMPLEX

Town Council and Administration, together with Memorial Complex personnel, are pleased to inform Didsbury & Area that the services provided through the Memorial Complex will continue to be provided under the new department title of Recreation & Facility Services effective January 1, 2000. For recreation and/or recreation facility needs, enquiries, and concerns, please call our Recreation and Facility Services department at 335-7369.

TRAFFIC BY-LAW

Council passed first reading of the new Traffic By-Law (#99-17) on December 22, 1999. By-Law #99-17 deals with the truck by-law, pedestrian by-law and traffic by-law. Most of the changes to the previous By-Law have been to

Handicap parking, pedestrians congregating on sidewalk and roadways and to the truck route and truck parking permit system.

If you would like a copy of the new By-Law for review, copies are available at the Town Office. By-Law #99-17 will be presented to Council for second reading at the January 12, 2000 meeting.

Town Office Town of Didsbury Public Meetings

Regular Council: Jan. 12
Community Services: Jan. 25
M.P.C.: Jan. 26
Corporate Services: Jan. 11

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Dawson Yeoman gets an ultrasound performed by a specialist at the Didsbury Hospital on Dec. 23, 1999. Ultrasound is but one of the many services offered by the local hospital.

With the possibility of the Didsbury Hospital's acute care and emergency services being closed in the near future, Didsburians are urged to find out about and make use of all the services offered by the Didsbury and District Health Services.

Photo by Colleen Horrigan

Alberta's economy exceeds targets set

Alberta's economy has performed so well over the past two years that it has exceeded most of the original performance targets set by the Alberta Economic Development Authority (AEDA), according to a report released on Dec. 15 by AEDA Chair, Doug Mitchell.

The report, entitled *Building on the Alberta Advantage - Progress Report 1999*, tracks the province's performance relative to key targets AEDA set for Alberta's economy. It also delivers a call to action for the government to establish the future direction of the Alberta economy in order for it to remain competitive, particularly in an increasingly knowledge-based economy.

AEDA is designed as a vehicle for business and government to work together to promote the *Alberta Advantage*, remove barriers to economic growth, expand investment and business opportunities, and to help create jobs for Albertans.

"In the past three years over 140,000 jobs have been created, which far exceeded our expectations," said Mitchell. "Our target for investment in the manufacturing and service industries has been met three years ahead of schedule. International exports have been affected by low commodity prices, lower volumes of grain exports, and lower demand from our Asian markets, but remain on target."

Mitchell added that the report finds Alberta is in a strong position as it leaves the 20th century, in part because the government followed through on many of the strategies recommended in AEDA's 1997 *Building the Alberta Advantage - A New Economic Development Strategy for Albertans*.

But the report also warns that while good progress has been made on a number of fronts, there are still some gaps to be addressed. It calls upon Alberta to take deliberate steps to assess global trends and sharpen its competitive advantage.

"In spite of Alberta's strong record in the past few years, we can't afford to become complacent," said Mitchell. "The Government is encouraged to take the lead and establish a new vision for the future of Alberta's economy. We are recommending they take steps to position the province, and prepare Albertans to seize the opportunities of the next century."

The report recommends that the Government work with AEDA, leaders in the business and education communities, and with all Albertans, to position the province for success in today's highly competitive global marketplace.

Public input wanted

By Nicole Smith

The citizens of Didsbury have been waiting patiently to have their say into the future of our hospital, and now that time has come.

The Town of Didsbury council has scheduled a public meeting for Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex.

Evan Parliament, the CAO for the Town of Didsbury, is inviting the public to attend this meeting, so that council may have an opportunity to hear what the people of Didsbury and surrounding areas think about Health Authority 5's plans to make the Didsbury Hospital an exclusively long-term care unit.

Parliament says that members of the board for the health authority will be invited to the meeting and hopes that they will attend.

Mayor Ray Lea will be chairing the meeting and is hoping to hear some good public input on this hot issue.

Persistence plus enthusiasm equal new business for Didsbury

"If the three important factors for real estate are location, location, location, then the three important factors for economic development are attitude, attitude, attitude," said Evan Parliament, Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Didsbury. Parliament presented two examples of the power of attitude at a recent "Sharing the Successes" workshop organized by the Central Alberta Economic Partnership.

In the first case, the interested company sent over 60 invitations to municipalities in the province of Alberta, asking questions about labour, utilities, taxes and other key information. Didsbury was one of the municipalities that responded. In fact, not only did Didsbury respond in writing, but the mayor of Didsbury called the president of the company and invited him and his son on an all-expense-paid trip to Didsbury so they could see the area for themselves.

When they arrived, Parliament discovered that he shared

a love of hockey with the president's son. How did they discover this shared interest? By discussing a seat from the Montreal Forum that Parliament has displayed in his office. "It's a great conversation piece," Parliament comments. In this instance, it started a conversation about Canada's national game that helped set the tone when the conversation turned to business. The mayor and Parliament also took the visitors to a Calgary Flames game while they were in town.

In the end, the company did decide to locate in Didsbury, and as Parliament notes, "it was all about welcoming them to the community and showing some enthusiasm."

In the second instance, a company from Washington was looking to set up a plant on privately owned land in Didsbury. The company called the landowner directly, the contacted the town to discuss the development possibilities. The company flew the landowner, Mayor Ray Lea and CAO Parliament down to Wash-

ington over the Mother's Day weekend to view its existing plant.

Company officials were so impressed that the three Didsbury representatives had given up their weekend that they picked up the tab for the trip. Mayor Lea returned the favour, inviting the company president to visit Didsbury in May 2000, and a solid business relationship is now underway.

The recent "Sharing our Successes" workshop was an opportunity for members of the Central Alberta Economic Partnership to learn what economic strategies are working in communities across the region. The Central Alberta Economic Partnership brings together 31 municipalities and Alberta Economic Development to foster economic growth in Central Alberta.

To learn how your community or business can benefit from the Central Alberta Economic Partnership, contact CAEP Manager Gerry Gibbons at 340-5300.

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The many faces of Didsbury's health services



By Nicole Smith

With all the talks going on around town that Health Authority 5 may be shutting down the acute care and emergency services at the Didsbury Hospital, many people have been wondering exactly how long health care has existed in our community.

Prior to the beginning of the 1900s, there was no health services available to the residents of Didsbury. A hospital did not exist, and neither did any doctors or nurses in town.

In 1902, the small farming town of Didsbury got its first doctor. Dr. Brodie arrived in town as the first resident doctor, but he only stayed one year.

In 1905, Dr. Beddes came to town. It is unknown how long he offered his services to the people of Didsbury, but seems to have left long before the be-

ginning of World War I.

It is known that up until the beginning of the war, Dr. Weart and Dr. GM Reid provided medical services and that after the war, Dr. Clarke and Dr. Evans took over and stayed on until their retirements in the forties.

In 1918, a flu epidemic hit Didsbury and district, and the old brick schoolhouse had to be used as a hospital for the many sick residents.

With the town increasing in population so rapidly, it was decided that a permanent hospital was needed to cater to the sick of our community. So, in 1921, the first hospital was established in a sandstone house that was built in 1906 by DS Shantz.

The first woman matron at the hospital was Mrs. Taylor, a Holy Cross graduate. On staff Taylor had Mr. Booker, the jani-

tor, and a cook, who took off after the building saw its first death.

The old building did nothing to aiding in the transportation of its patients, as the front stairwell had three sharply-angled turns to get to the second floor. It may not have been a comfortable ride up the stairs to the operating theatre (the master bedroom), but it sure beat having your appendix removed on the kitchen table.

The sandstone building operated as the town's hospital for 24 years, until members of the community rallied together in 1936 to have a more modernized hospital built. So, groundbreaking began and the hospital was completed and opened its doors on July 15, 1945. The new hospital consisted of 24 beds, an operating room, x-ray room, laboratory and a nursery.

Also, there was a large kitchen, staff dining room and laundry room in the basement of this new building.

In 1957, with the "baby boom" occurring on the streets of Didsbury, it was found that a maternity ward was desperately needed.

This ward, consisting of eight maternity beds, a large caseroom and labour room and a 10-bassinets nursery, was added that same year.

In 1962, our health services were titled the "Didsbury Municipal Hospital District No. 33" and on staff we had one matron, 10 graduate nurses, 11 nurses aides and four ward aides.

The hospital's capacity was 35 beds and 11 bassinets. The rates for the hospital at that time were: \$1.60/ day for public ward residents and \$11.50/

day for non-residents.

In addition to the hospital, Didsbury also housed the Mountain View Health Unit, where four doctors worked, providing health care to pre-school and school children in the county.

In 1965, the Didsbury hospital received another face-lift. A 50-bed Auxiliary Hospital was added on the west side of the hospital to serve the Counties of Mountain View and Kneehill. There were three doctors in town during that year.

Finally, in 1979, the old active hospital was torn down and new one, which still stands, was put up in its place.

Not much has changed at the hospital since the late 70s, besides the turnover of staff and doctors in town. The hospital currently houses 15 acute care beds, and three long-term care units.

Olds Legion #105 January events

By Marge St. Clair

Branch and Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting Tues. Jan. 25.

Seniors Luncheon Jan. 13 and Jan. 27.

Sat. Jan. 8 - Installation of officers. Cocktails 6 p.m., supper 7 p.m., installation 8:15 p.m. Entertainment in lounge to follow.

Mondays: Shuffleboard 1 p.m. and Cribbage 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bingo 7:15 p.m. and Darts 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Bridge 7:30 p.m.

Fridays: Trivia 6 p.m.

Saturdays: Meat draws and Horse Races 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment:

Jan. 7, 8 - Steve Palmer

Jan. 14, 15 - Diamond Country

Jan. 21, 22 - Free and Easy

Travel safely this winter

Travel health experts agree the biggest threat to health while travelling is not a rare disease or infection, but a flare-up of an existing medical condition.

That is why medical information services provided by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation are so important to travellers. If you were unable to speak for yourself in the event of a medical emergency, MedicAlert's universally recognized bracelet or necklace could speak for you. One call to its 24-hour emergency hot-line number, available in 140 languages, gives first responders and health care professionals access to a centralized database containing your up-to-date medical information and personal contacts, anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day.

"MedicAlert is your medical history. It's the story you can't

tell me when you're unconscious," states Norm Roberge, Level II paramedic, Toronto Ambulance. "MedicAlert assists me in coordinating a timely patient assessment. Its potential in narrowing down the number of possible medical problems in any given emergency situation is priceless."

Whether you are travelling within Canada or visiting an exotic location this winter, take all the necessary precautions to protect your health. Before you leave, schedule a visit to your physician.

Obtain all prescriptions, documentation and medical care you need. Plan for enough medication to cover one week longer than you expect to be gone, and keep it in its original package. If you have a heart condition, be sure to ask your physician for a recent EKG.

And, if you are planning a

trip to an exotic destination, receive any necessary vaccinations.

Also, if you have a medical condition, drug or food allergy, special need, personal request or medication that should be known in an emergency, consider becoming a member of MedicAlert. MedicAlert's essential services include the comprehensive protection of a custom-engraved bracelet or necklace, member ID number and a 24-hour emergency hot-line number.

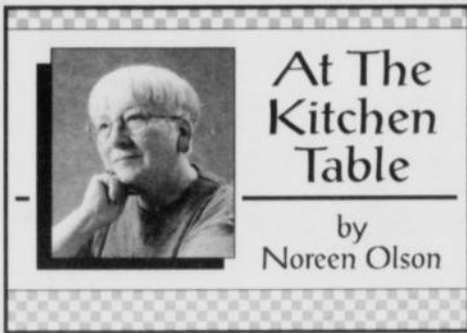
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I was determined not to get caught up in the Millennium thing, but beginning a new century makes it almost impossible not to look back on the old one.

My Dad was born in 1901 and Mom in 1902, what amazing changes they saw in their lifetimes. We have just seen live, colour broadcasts of New Year's fireworks in London, Paris, Oslo and Copenhagen.

A hundred years ago it took weeks to get basic news from those centres. Our Christmas tree is alive with cool, electric light.

They burned candles on theirs, for about two minutes a season, and that with a pail of water in one hand. My sisters and I were talking about how women retained their sanity with absolutely no place to "put" anything.

When I was little Mom had no kitchen cupboards. Few people did.

A kind of basic buffet with drawers held pots, pans and utensils and provided a workspace but she punched down her bread and cut out biscuits on the kitchen table. No wonder she had back problems. There were open shelves and maybe some kind of curtained storage area but no pantry, no bulk storage room, certainly no fridge or deep freeze. She did have a cellar full of potatoes, carrots and canned goods.

There were no real closets in our house, Mom had a wardrobe. It was a tall, two-doored cupboard with a rod inside that held clothes hangers, a bottom drawer full of socks and mitts and a top shelf for hats.

I believed that it was also the home of an evil troll but no one else shared my concern so I may have been mistaken in this.

The had a couple of bedroom dressers, a small writing desk and seven little drawers in the sewing machine. The scissors were supposed to be in the sewing machine drawer and to this day if I reach for a pair of scissors and don't put my hand on them I am filled with fury.

The sewing machine drawers also held needles, pins, thread, bobbins, buttons, snaps, mending yarn, safety pins, elastic, bias tape, usually all in a tangle because some kid had been through there looking for the darn scissors. Mom sewed all our clothes and they were often made over from things donated by the rich aunts. I wonder where she kept her sewing supplies, in a box under the bed maybe.

When we were all at home the place was wall to wall clutter and there was really nothing she could do about it. I still sometimes dream that it is Sunday night, I have a big homework assignment due on Monday and I can't find my books.

If you did find your books there was precious little space to spread them out and miserable lighting. We were all voracious readers so we all crowded around the coal oil lamp on the kitchen table. It was cozy, cramped and if the stove was not fed regularly it was cold as well.

My grandparents may have had a cylinder gramophone but in 1901 they certainly did not have radios, telephones, air travel or even cars.

This means that Mom and Dad came through wind up gramophones, record players with 78, 45 and 33 rpm's, eight-track tape decks, cassettes and CDs. My aunt Phebe drove a covered wagon from Ponoka to Chinook. My children have flown all over the world. My grandparents had a stereoscope that gave you a 3D impression of the Pyramids and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. What would they have thought of slipping a video into your VCR? IMAX would have scared them speechless.

Our Moms packed lunches without benefit of plastic bags, Saran Wrap or Tupperware. How did they store leftovers without cottage cheese cartons? How did civilization exist without ice cream pails and toilet paper? How did they keep their lives organized without a phone? What would Grandma think of Email? And the wonder of electricity cannot be overstated. Electricity makes hot, running water possible.

It lights the dark corners that once housed evil trolls, it runs the blessed washer and dryer, the dishwasher and maybe best of all the microwave. I love my microwave and Grandma never knew that it existed.

Think of the enormous changes that the last 100 years have brought to ordinary people. Think about what the next 100 might bring. It's a little scary isn't it?



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joyce and Elvern Swalm were the lucky winners of the Grand Prize Draw of the Didsbury Review's Wordsearch contest. The lucky couple took home a \$200 gift certificate for AG Foods, as well as a Christmas turkey, as presented by Greg Poirier. The prizes were donated in part by AG Foods and the Didsbury Review.

Photo by Nicole Smith

For the health of it ...

Flu season has arrived in full force

Several of the Health Authority 5 acute care and continuing care facilities have residents or patients with Influenza-like illnesses. We are working hard not to have these viruses spread within the facilities to other patients and residents.

Influenza-like illnesses are also circulating in the community. If you have flu symptoms, such as a fever and chills, cough, sore throat, aching joints and muscles, or a runny nose, we ask that you not visit patients

in acute care facilities or residents in continuing care or lodges.

These patients and residents are at risk of contracting your illness and may not have the reserve needed to fight it off. There is an added risk that if they contract your illness that they can easily spread the infection to others in the facility as well.

We realize it is a difficult decision not to visit a loved one in the hospital or continuing care facility, but if you are ill we

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Another way you can help stop the spread of influenza is to make an appointment to visit your public health unit or physician's office and receive a flu shot. The immunization will take two weeks to take full effect in giving protection against Influenza. For more information on Influenza, contact your local Public Health Unit or family physician.

Pet health and grooming tips

Did you know more than 40% of cat and dog visits to veterinary clinics relate to eye and ear problems? Many of these visits can be avoided by regularly checking your pet's ears and eyes, and cleaning with the appropriate products when needed.

"The key to successful management of ear problems is to determine the cause and then correct it," advises Dr. Bernie Pukay, veterinarian at Bayview Clinic in Ottawa. "Better yet, try to prevent ear problems from ever occurring in the first place."

Some dogs are predisposed to ear infections (otitis) because of the shape of their ear or their lifestyle. Dogs with long, floppy ears develop otitis more frequently than dogs with upright ears. And dogs that often go swimming are also more likely to develop otitis.

Other factors that contribute to the development of ear problems include bacteria, yeast and scar tissue formation, conditions that must be treated before the underlying cause of the ear infection can be determined.

Dr. Pukay offers these tips for ear care:

- Inspect your dog's ears once or twice a week. Inflamed ears, an abnormal smell or unusual

discharge should be investigated.

- Clean your dog's ears as needed. Ask your veterinarian to show you the proper technique for this task.

- Commercial ear cleaners that can be obtained from your veterinarian are preferable both for their effectiveness as well as safety.

"Do not use rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, mineral oil or water for ear cleaning since these substances can dry and irritate the ear and kill normal bacteria," advises Dr. Pukay.

"Regular cleaning definitely contributes to ear health - particularly in breeds such as cocker spaniels and golden retrievers, and dogs who swim regularly," says Dr. Richard Allan, a partner in Tachervau Veterinary Clinic near Montreal. "Ear cleaning helps prevent recurrence of ear disease so it's great to have products our pet owners can use at home."

Pets' eyes are another area that should be given attention.

"The eyes of many dogs tend to tear and run," says Barbara Beland, an Edmonton-area breeder and Canadian Kennel Club dog judge. In some breeds, tearing occurs because the eye is large; in other breeds, it occurs

because the eye is very small. Other factors that contribute to tearing, and consequently unsightly reddish brown stains around the eye, include exposure to wind or dry air.

"Daily attention can keep the condition to an acceptable minimum," says Beland. She advises pet owners to treat the dog's eye area with a mild solution of boric acid or a commercial eye bath, if that is more convenient.

Paws are another spot on dogs that can be prone to problems. Some dogs that get lots of exercise develop rough, cracked skin on their paws, but this too can be prevented.

A new commercial paw wax is available that can be applied between the toes before taking your dog for a walk. Although it was originally developed to provide protection from ice, snow, and salt-covered sidewalks, dog owners will likely find it useful throughout the year.

Dr. Kristina Wiebe, a veterinarian at London, Ontario's Stoneybrook Clinic, has recently begun to carry the paw wax and reports that "some of my clients apply paw wax to their dog's feet before taking their pet for a jog while the owner roller blades."

WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado. For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: My two kids are as different as night and day. You'd never even know they were born to the same parents. One of them is having trouble in school and the other is something of a superstar. I'm very worried about the one boy. Do some kids start out doing poorly and then catch fire?

DR. DOBSON: Thank goodness they often do. Let me give you an encouraging illustration. Several years ago I attended a wedding ceremony in a beautiful garden setting, and I came away with some thoughts about parents who are raising a child like your boy.

After the minister had instructed the groom to kiss the bride on that day, approximately 150 colorful, helium-filled balloons were released into the blue California sky. Within a few seconds the balloons were just scattered all across the heavens, some of them rising hundreds of feet overhead and others cruising toward the horizon. A few balloons struggled to clear the upper branches of the trees, while the show-offs became mere pinpoints of color on their journey to the sky.

How interesting, I thought, and how symbolic of children. Let's face it. Some boys and girls seem to be born with more helium than others. They catch all the right breezes and they soar effortlessly to the heights, while others wobble dangerously close to the trees. Their frantic folks run along underneath, huffing and puffing to keep them airborne. It is an exhausting experience.

In short, I have a word of encouragement to you and all the parents of low-flying kids. Sometimes the child who has the greatest trouble getting off the ground eventually soars to the highest heights. That's why I urge you as parents not to look too quickly for the person your child will become.

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QUESTION: Do you believe love at first sight occurs between some people?

DR. DOBSON: Though some readers will disagree with me, "love at first sight" is a physical and emotional impossibility. Why? Because love is much more than a romantic feeling. It is more than sexual attraction, or the thrill of the chase, or the desire to marry someone. These are responses that can occur "at first sight," and they might even lead to the genuine thing in time. But those feelings are usually temporary, and they do not mean the person who experiences them is "in love." I wish everyone understood that fact!

The primary difference between infatuation and real love is where the emphasis lies. Temporary romantic attractions tend to be very selfish in nature. A person may say, "I can't believe what is happening to me. This is the most fantastic thing I've ever experienced! I must be in love." Notice that she's not talking about the other person. She's excited about her own gratification. Such an individual hasn't fallen in love with someone else; she has fallen in love with love!

Genuine love, by contrast, is an expression of the deepest appreciation for another human being. It is an intense awareness of his or her needs, strengths and character. It shares the longings, hopes and dreams of that other person. It is unselfish, giving and caring. And believe me, these are not attitudes one "falls" into at first sight, as though he were tumbling into a ditch.

I have developed a lifelong love for my wife, but it was not something I fell into. I grew into it, and that process took time. I had to know her before I could appreciate the depth and stability of her character -- to become acquainted with the nuances of her personality, which I now cherish. The familiarity from which love has blossomed simply could not be generated on "some enchanted evening, across a crowded room." One cannot love an unknown object, regardless of how attractive or sexy or nubile it is!

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The Didsbury Christmas Helper program was successful again this past holiday season. Headed by Linda Sirr, the program helped out over 80 needy families around our community this year. Along with all the food pictured above, the program also gift wrapped many presents that were generously donated by members of our community.

In addition to the Christmas Helpers program, a Christmas Turkey Dinner was also hosted on Christmas Day at the Elks Hall. Many locals turned out to enjoy a great meal and some festive fun.

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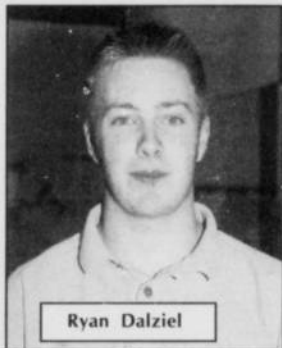
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Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community

Compiled by Colleen Horrigan



Ryan Dalziel

Local student player of the month for Strathmore Triple A hockey

Ryan Dalziel, a 17-year-old DHS student, has been given the distinction of being chosen by the Strathmore Triple A hockey team as player of the month. This is quite an honour considering athletes have to be invited to even try out for the league, which includes teams from Red Deer, Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge.

Dalziel has been on the team since the beginning of this season, and hopes to try out for the Alberta Junior Hockey League next year, when his age will make him ineligible to play for the Triple A league.

Last season, Dalziel played for the Carstairs Double A team when he was asked to try out for the Strathmore team. After hockey camp, practices and exhibition games, Dalziel was among the top players and was chosen for the team. He plays forward - both left and right wings - and said he was not expecting to be chosen as player of the month for his team.

"I was pretty surprised," Dalziel said.

Having a lot of family support has helped Dalziel get this far. His dad used to coach and his parents still come to all his games, even the far away ones, according to Dalziel.

Dalziel is currently in Grade 12 at DHS, and plans to attend university next year and take engineering.



Colleen Dougan

New program to prevent falls for active seniors

Steady As You Go is a new program being launched in Didsbury to help seniors learn how to prevent falls and assess the risk they have for falling. The idea for this program stems from statistics that show one third of seniors age 65 and over have had a serious fall in the past year, and that hospital stays for falls average just over three weeks.

The program is being offered throughout Health Region 5, at various Public Health Offices. Aimed at healthy, active seniors who live in their own homes, the program focuses on showing participants how to assess their risk for falls and how to minimize that risk.

Each course will run in two sessions that are one-and-a-half hours, a month apart. The first session shows seniors how to assess their lifestyle, medications, behaviour, health and surroundings to determine their potential risk. Then participants keep a record for the month, noting any falls or near-falls and contributing factors, and make appropriate changes to minimize the risk of falling. At the second session, the seniors review their records and re-assess their potential for falling with the changes they have made.

Courses are taught by two senior volunteers who have attended training sessions along with a public health nurse. The communities of Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona each have two trained senior facilitators ready to give presentations to interested groups of seniors.

Public Health Nurse Colleen Dougan is helping to organize the program, and encourages seniors to take part, because falls can usually be prevented.

"I worked on acute care and I saw how many people were admitted because of a fall and how limiting it can be," Dougan said. "A broken hip is a life-threatening injury to someone who's elderly."

Dougan said the course will be offered as small groups of seniors come forward and request it. For more information or to become a participant, contact the Public Health Office at 335-7297.

Didsbury Interagency Group planning to meet

DIG, the Didsbury Interagency Group, will be holding its next regular meeting Jan. 11, 2000 to continue its mandate of coordinating and informing people what the various groups in Didsbury are planning for the next few months.

Chair Marg Weaver said the meetings are open to anyone and that they are most effective when representatives from a wide range of groups in Didsbury attend and report their plans. In the past, members of local groups such as the RCMP, Lions, Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Town of Didsbury, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, hospital, media and schools have gathered to share their plans and ensure scheduled events are well-coordinated.

"Anybody from any organization of any kind in Didsbury are welcome to attend," Weaver said, adding that the meetings really help people know what's going on and keep groups from getting in each other's way."

The Jan. 11 meeting will be held at noon in the Museum, and members of all groups in Didsbury are encouraged to attend.



Marg Weaver

Hey kids! 2000 Write On contest now open

A new contest is being launched by The Didsbury Review, in co-operation with the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association Education Committee.

The competition is open to all students, and there are three different categories geared toward students of different ages. Students in Grades 1-3 can enter the Creative Classifieds contest, Grades 4-6 can enter the Junior Reporters category, and Grades 7-12 can compete in the Write an Opinion contest.

Each category will have prizes for the local winners, who will go on to compete provincially for cash prizes.

For Creative Classifieds, students choose a classified ad that has been published in the Didsbury Review, and write an imaginative story behind the ad. For example, an ad about a used car for sale might lead to a story about the family that owned the car and reasons for selling it. Entries must be no more than 200 words and accompanied by a copy of the ad.

For Junior Reporters, students can write about how they felt or what they thought of a school activity. They can interview other students and include their opinions in the stories, which should be no more than 200 words. Any school-related activity qualifies, such as sporting events, special activities or presentations.

In the Write an Opinion category, students choose a topic that directly affects their community and write a letter to the editor of 100-300 words about the subject, after doing research using the local paper and other appropriate sources. If applicable, include possible solutions to the problem.

For all categories, the writing must be submitted through the students' classroom teachers. The contest is open to all students registered in Alberta's public, separate, private, or home schools if they live in an area served by an Awna-member newspaper, such as The Didsbury Review.

All entries must be received by The Didsbury Review by April 14, 2000, and five local prize winners will be chosen by April 28 from the following age groups: Grade 1; Grades 2-3; Grades 4-6; Grades 7-9; and Grades 10-12. Local winners will get great prizes and will have their work published in The Didsbury Review. These submissions will then be submitted to Awna for judging at the provincial level, and the five provincial grand prize winners will receive cash prizes and publication in newspapers across the province.

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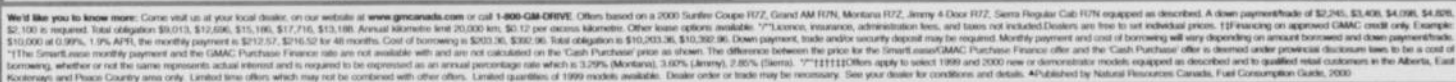
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Tanas Concrete begins a new tradition of quality

By Nicole Smith

What's in a name?

For the owners of Tanas Concrete Industries Ltd., formerly Reimer Concrete, their name is equated with a high standard of quality and service.

Effective Jan. 1, Peter Tanasiychuk, and his son Josh, have changed the name of the company that they have owned for the past three years.

Tanasiychuk says that the decision to change the company's name has been in the works for some time, but felt that the new millennium was the perfect time to make it official.

"It's a new millennium. We're changing with the times, and so we decided to change our name now," Tanasiychuk said.

He hopes that the new name will soon become a household term around Didsbury.

"If we could have the same understanding our last name like Reimer did, that would be great," he said.

"Tanas is just more related to our last name."

Tanasiychuk wants to assure the community, that when they see a Tanas Concrete truck roll by, they are not looking at some multi-national company, but that "Tanas is staying a family company."

He says that it will take some time to get all the redi-mix trucks



equipped with the new blue and gold logo, but reminds the public that the phone numbers and addresses of the five locations (Didsbury, Sundre, Airdrie, Calgary and Three Hills) will all remain the same.

Tanasiychuk says that having the five locations keeps the company and its many employees quite busy.

"The territory is quite large that we can cover," he said.

"We can service customers anywhere."

And service them they do. Tanas Concrete offers everything from redi-mix concrete, sand and gravel delivery, excavating and cribbing to place and finishing jobs, back filling and levelling.

"We are a one-stop shop. We can offer customers packages with everything from excavating to finishing," said

Tanasiychuk. "Everything is complete."

In addition to their regular services, Tanas Concrete also offers new track-hoe and bobcat services to their many customers.

Tanasiychuk appreciates the great response he has had over the past three years and hopes that it will continue on into the new millennium with the new company name.

"We've really appreciated the past patronage and are looking forward into our new millennium with our name change. We are excited with the possibilities in and around Didsbury and are pleased to be part of this community," he concluded.

You can reach Peter or Josh Tanasiychuk at Tanas Concrete Industries Ltd. at 335-3212.

A good year at Olds College

It has been a busy, successful year for Olds College. Enrolment continues to grow and is up 3% this year and over 30% in the last four years. The school again scored high in the provincial Key Performance Indicators, and received the maximum Performance Award of a quarter of a million dollars.

The College leads the way in applied agricultural and commercialization research as Ty Lund, the Alberta Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, and Dr. Rob Turner, President of Olds College, officially opened the multi-million dollar Olds College Centre for Innovation in October.

"The Future in agriculture is in the value-added sector," said Dr. Turner, "and the Centre for Innovation, with applied research and product development, will help keep Olds College on the leading edge of Alberta's and Canada's agricultural growth."

Three new buildings opened on campus, worth almost three million dollars and adding close to 50,000 more square feet of space. Largest of the three is Phase II of the new Residence Townhouse complex. It adds 88 more rooms for second year students. Together with Phase I, opened in 1998, there are now 184 new spaces in residence, giving Olds the third largest residence complex in Alberta. Several other Alberta post-secondary institutions are considering new residences modelled on the Olds College prototype. Other new buildings are the Multipurpose Livestock Centre and a new Material Handling Facility providing much-needed additional space for Land Sciences programs.

In cooperation with the Royal Bank Financial Group, the college launched an Agricultural Finance Certificate allowing people to upgrade their ag financial skills by distance learning.

Olds College Extension Services continues to grow, providing courses by Internet and expanding training services, including training 48 workers for a chain of new AgPro elevators and service centres in Alberta and Manitoba.

Our students are recognised nationally. For the second year in a row, an Olds College Turf Management graduate, Jerry Rousseau, won the prestigious Toro Canada Award, beating out students from all other Canadian turf schools.

The College continues to make an impact on a global scale with projects in 16 countries. The College also participated in the Team Alberta mission to China in September. International is also organising work experiences for a second group of 20 Canadian Government Youth Interns who will be working in eight countries: Chile, Brazil, Mexico, Hungary, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Thailand.

For more information, contact Dr. Rob Turner, President of Olds College.

Producers pleased with protection plan

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) has congratulated Federal Environment Minister David Anderson for taking a big step toward protecting endangered species by responding to the concerns of land owners about legislation that would have pitted land owners' natural concern for the environment against their ability to make a living.

Anderson released an update on his proposed Protecting Species at Risk legislation in Calgary on Dec. 17. The plan recognizes the importance of cooperation with land owners in preserving critical habitat for endangered species, supports stewardship and incentives for protecting habitat, and includes compensation for land owners, land users, and other stakeholders when habitat protection results in loss of income.

"We will be watching closely to make sure government does not back away from what it has promised," said Jim

Turner, Alberta Cattle Commission chairman and co-chair of the CCA's Environment and Animal Care committee.

He says this is a livelihood issue with farmers and ranchers.

"Minister Anderson has promised that criminal action for the destruction of an endangered species or its habitat will only be used as a last resort when all other efforts have failed, and he specifically stated that his made-in-Canada approach will not be like the adversarial, litigious approach in the U.S. As land owners, cattle producers look forward to taking part in conservation programs that will help save habitat and the species that reside on it.

"If the federal government follows through with what it has promised, I think Canada will have legislation that we can all live with - land owners, conservationists, and most importantly, endangered species."

TOY TIME

Didsbury Elks Dave Smith Sr. and Ron Patton present Jane Junker with an annual donation of toys for young hospital patients to enjoy year round.

Photo by Nicole Smith



Holistic management training program being offered soon

Holistic management considers humans, their economies and the environment as inseparable. It is a common sense decision-making framework that requires no specialized knowledge or elaborate technology to be applied to any environment or management situation. In short, it is a value-based decision making method.

"The only way ecosystems can be restored to their optimum state is through wholesale changes in the way decisions are made," says Rande Halladay. "To use holistic management, it's essential to first define the 'whole' under management. This includes the people directly involved; the resource base influenced; and, the money available or that can be generated from the resource base."

Once the whole is defined, a holistic goal must be set. All decisions will then be tested against the goal.

Things to consider when setting the goal are: the quality of life desired by the people involved; what they must produce to sustain that quality of life; and, a description of the future resource base as it must be to sustain what is produced.

"Some of the factors that have to be kept in mind when practising holistic management are the community dynamics of plants and animals," adds Halladay. "The cycling of water, minerals and energy through the system are also a big part of the equation. The tools used are what will affect the resources in the environment. An open mind that considers all knowledge, intuitive or scientific, is imperative."

There are seven testing guidelines, or questions, used to test the use of a tool or proposed action. They are:

- Cause and effect - does the action address the root cause of the problem? Consider the weakest link: does the action taken strengthen the weakest link in the chain of production? What about the social aspect? Could the action create a weak link in the chain of actions? Does the action address the weakest point

in the biological life cycle of the organism?

- Marginal reaction - what action provides the greatest return? Is there anywhere in the operation where the time, money and labour could be better spent with better results?

- Gross profit analysis - what enterprises contribute the most to covering the overheads of the business?

- Energy/money source and use - is the energy or money being used in the action derived from the most appropriate source in terms of the holistic goal?

- Sustainability - if the action is taken will it lead toward or away from the optimum resource base described in the goal? What impact will it have on the water cycle, mineral cycle, energy flow and community dynamics?

- Society and culture - if the action is taken, will it lead to the outcome of the goal desired or could it adversely affect the lives of any others?

"The final decision is seldom based on any one of the testing guidelines, but at the end of testing, when the picture is formed, it is easier to make a determination whether or not

the use of a tool or action will lead to the intended goal," says Halladay.

Once a decision is made, and a course of action taken, a feedback loop of monitoring, controlling and re-planning should be established to keep the management on track to ensure progress toward the holistic goal.

A holistic management training program, Learn How to Plan for Profit While Restoring the Land and Caring for the People, is being offered in Red Deer on Jan. 17-21, 2000.

The program, supported by the Farm Business Management Program, costs \$1,050 (plus GST) per farm unit of up to four people. For more information or to register, contact Rande Halladay, toll free at 1-800-946-5476.

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CWB negotiates agreement with Japan

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The CWB has agreed with the Japanese Food Agency to supply Japan with a minimum of 1.2 million tonnes of high quality milling wheat for the 12 months starting on Jan. 1, 2000.

Actual prices will be determined through weekly tenders. For feed barley, the agreement has set a target of 160,000 tonnes for the new calendar year.

"Japan has consistently been one of our most important markets for our highest quality Canadian Western Red Spring (CWRS) wheat," said President and CEO Greg Arason who was in Tokyo with the CWB team to negotiate the agreement with the Japanese Food Agency.

"Japanese customers have come to identify Canadian CWRS wheat, Canadian durum wheat and Canadian barley as being of the very best quality. In addition, Canada is seen as a source of pure and wholesome wheat and barley that Japanese consumers can depend on," said Arason.

While the current economic outlook for Japan appears to be improving, the economic climate in Japan over the past year was difficult.

Nonetheless, imports of Canadian CWRS wheat have met and even modestly exceeded the supply levels agreed to in

last year's agreement.

On this basis, it was agreed to maintain the milling wheat supply level at the same level as last year, with a provision for a plus or minus 10% variation from that figure, depending on actual demand.

With respect to feed barley, the reduced figure in this year's agreement takes into account the increased supply opportunities available under a separate procurement system called the SBS (simultaneous buy and sell) system which is not covered under the agreement with the Food Agency.

The CWB is the world's largest wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and the largest net earner of foreign currency.

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CWB not responsible for canola marketing problems

The CWB recently rejected accusations by the president of the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association (WCWGA) that it is responsible for recent problems faced by grain traders in selling canola to offshore buyers.

Acting solely on rumours, Kevin Archibald issued a news release earlier today blaming the CWB for losses of potential canola sales.

Since the beginning of the crop year (Aug. 1), the CWB has met 93% of its export target at the West Coast, while non-board shipments (primarily canola) hit 74% of their target. However, when shipments versus capacity are compared, both CWB and non-board grains were just over 100% of their allotted capacity.

"Through the capacity planning process, all marketers are aware of the capacity they have to work with. The CWB sold prudently to its share of capacity. It cannot be held accountable for the fact that canola marketers have oversold their capacity and now have vessels waiting. The canola marketers gambled on the amount of extra capacity available and lost," stated Adrian Measner, executive vice-president of marketing.

At Thunder Bay, the CWB hit 100% of its export target, while non-board shipments were only 38%.

However, when shipments versus capacity are compared, the CWB exceeded 100% of its allotted capacity but non-board shipments hit only 52%.

"For Mr. Archibald to suggest that we limited non-board meetings at Thunder Bay when the trade only sold 52% of the capacity available to them is ludicrous," said Measner.

Here are some additional facts to refute the erroneous claims made by the WCWGA president:

- The CWB did not plug export terminals with grain that wasn't moving.

From Aug. 1 to the present, levels of wheat and barley stocks in Vancouver were approximately 300,000 tonnes, only 30% of the entire port's capacity. During the same period, the CWB met 100% of its entire West Coast export capacity.

This demonstrates that there was ample capacity for other grains and that CWB grain was moving.

- The CWB is in a net

despatch position so far this year.

That means it is earning more in loading performance bonuses than it is paying out in late

loading penalties or demurrage. CWB exports to the end of November are 1.1 million tonnes ahead of last year at this time.

- The CWB's performance against its October share of capacity was 73%, not the 50% referred in the news release.

The CWB's new crop export program was just gearing up following the late harvest on the Prairies.

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Alberta cattle producers can sign up to receive free information on the latest beef science initiatives supported by the Canada Alberta Beef Industry Development Fund (CABIDF). The reports are also available on the CABIDF website.

Producers can order a new publication called *Molecular Biology: The Next Generation of Beef Improvement*, as well as a new series of research reports, outlining projects recently supported by the Fund.

"Since it began in 1998, CABIDF has supported more than 50 projects, all aimed at strengthening beef production in Alberta," says CABIDF Committee Chair Larry Helland. "These most recent reports introduce beef producers to a wide range of scientific research with direct implications for their operations."

Research reports: Seven reports are now available on new projects. Producers can sign up to receive these reports, which come in a special Beef Research file folder, free-of-charge by contacting the Alberta Cattle Commission. Additional updates will be completed on new projects as results become available. Anyone who signs up to receive the reports will automatically receive the updates and all other information on the fund.

CABIDF is a \$16.4 million fund dedicated to strengthening the Alberta beef industry. The fund, made up of equal contributions of \$8.2 million from the provincial and federal governments, is run by a producer committee and is administered by the Alberta Cattle Commission. Research projects are approved in six categories that have been identified as areas of priority for the beef industry in Alberta. They are: forage/cow-calf, feedlot, animal health, intellectual resources, manure/sustainability and marketability. To date, CABIDF has allocated over \$13 million to 52 research projects.

Molecular Biology: The Next Generation of Beef Improvement: CABIDF has allocated over \$1 million to fund a chair in molecular biology, based out of the University of Alberta. The chair will anchor Alberta's beef molecular biology research. This 12-page report provides an overview of the potential for molecular biology and beef production. Topics covered were presented at a recent major beef molecular biology seminar held at the University of Alberta. The seminar was supported in part by the Alberta Cattle Commission. Topics include cloning, exploring the dynamic rumen environment, and finding genetic alternatives to improve meat quality. The publication also explores consumer acceptance of molecular biology and how this technology could strengthen beef breeding programs.

"There's no question that molecular biology will affect the beef industry at every step of the production chain," Helland said. "As the largest beef-producing

province in the country, Alberta has recognized this and, through CABIDF, has chosen to be a leader in this area."

Available soon: CABIDF is allocating close to \$1 million to fund a study to determine whether the emergence of antimicrobial resistance in humans is linked to the use of antimicrobials in livestock production. Alberta beef producers are encouraged to sign up to receive a publication on the is-

sue of antimicrobial resistance, and its link to agriculture, that will be produced early in 2000.

To receive this information, or for questions or comments on CABIDF, contact the Alberta Cattle Commission at Suite 216, 2715-8 Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2E 7H7. Phone (403) 275-4400, fax (403) 274-0007, email: accfeedback@cattle.ca. All information on CABIDF is also available on the fund website at www.cattle.ca/acc.

\$20,000 in fines for Shell in conviction

Violations to an environmental approval netted Shell Canada Limited \$20,000 in fines in provincial court on Dec. 13, following their conviction on two charges under Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.


The charges were related to the failure of Shell's Jumping Pound sour gas plant to conduct two monthly biological effects tests using the method required by their approval. The incidents took place in July and August 1995.

"The environmental approvals we give industry are designed to protect the environment from the effects of industry operations. Any industry that violates an approval could put the health of Alberta's environment at risk, and they can expect us to take firm action," said Environment Minister, Gary Mar.

During the 1998/99 fiscal year, Alberta Environment obtained over 3,400 convictions and assessed over 130 administrative penalties related to infractions of departmental legislation.

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Beef Information Centre promotion

The Beef Information Centre (BIC) has launched an innovative new promotional kit to assist independent restaurant operators serving Canadian beef. The BIC has worked with national and regional restaurant chains, but now will also work alongside the independent operators.

"The first thing we did was to survey about 150 independent restaurant operators across the country," said Susan Evans, a member of the BIC Foodservice Team.

"We had an overwhelming response. Operators told us they would love to be able to promote beef in their establishment but they didn't have the expertise, the budget or the resources to put a promotion together."

The kit contains ideas for four promotions. There are two special events, Valentine's Day and Father's Day and two longer promotions called "Winter Comfort Food" and "Western Barbecue."

Evans feels the Valentine's and Father's Day promotions are natural, special occasions to serve beef. The winter comfort foods suggested are items such as stews, soups and chilis.

The kit contains promotional materials such as posters, tent cards and feature sheets along with an eight page newsletter full of ideas on how to run a promotion, recipes and advertising materials.

The BIC has also introduced a restaurant staff incentive contest. A beef resource guide is provided to give staff information about beef which enables them to better serve their customers.

The kit is free of charge to independent restaurant operators serving Canadian beef and can be ordered through local BIC offices.

For further information contact Susan Evans, BIC Foodservice Team at (604) 985-0113 or Ron Glaser, ACC Public Affairs Coordinator at (403) 275-4400.



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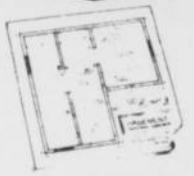
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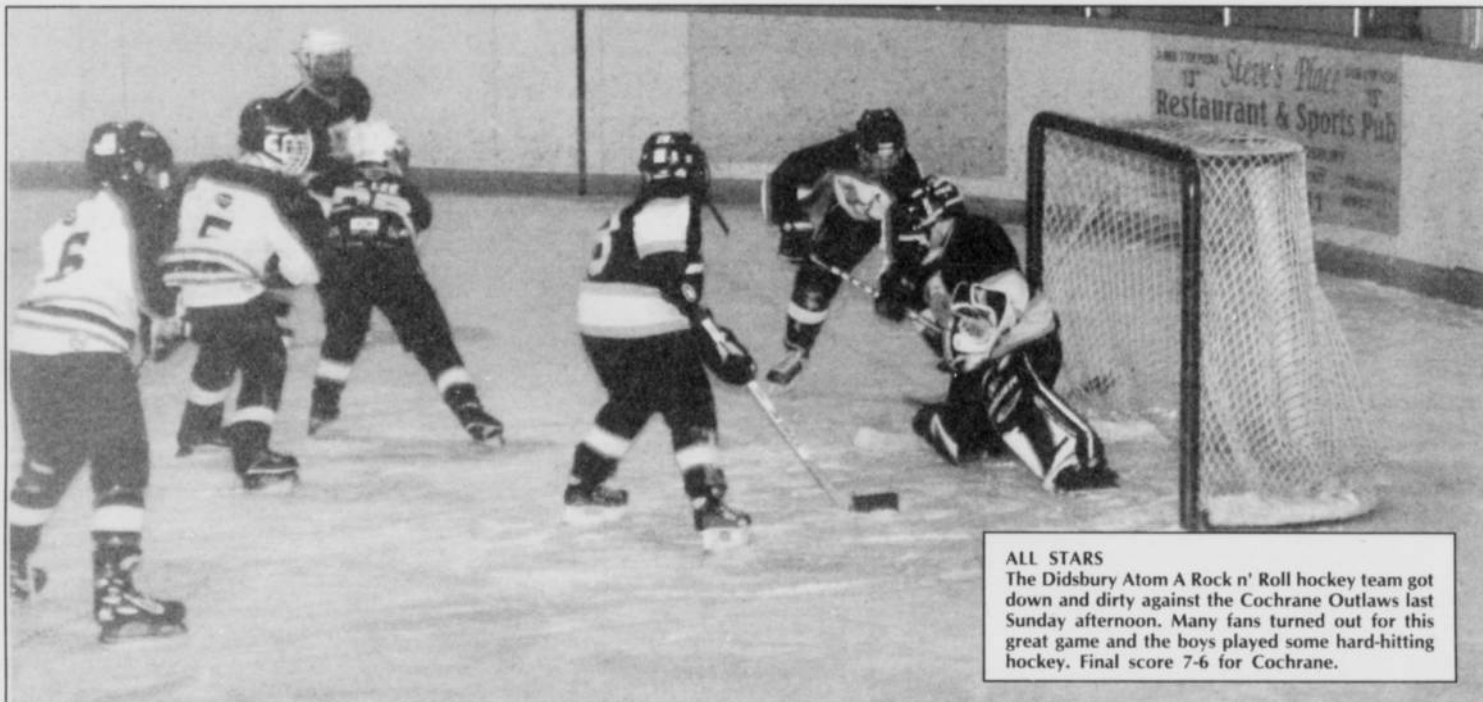
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ALL STARS

The Didsbury Atom A Rock n' Roll hockey team got down and dirty against the Cochrane Outlaws last Sunday afternoon. Many fans turned out for this great game and the boys played some hard-hitting hockey. Final score 7-6 for Cochrane.

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Simply stated: the Flames are hot!

They have a perfect record for the new millennium, granted they've only played one game in this new Flames era. But it sure was convincing as the Young Guns handed the slumping Vancouver Canucks a 4-2 loss last Sunday afternoon.

Led by the remarkable goaltending of Fred Braithwaite (again) and a two-point performance from Clarke Wilm, the Flames reached the .500 mark for the first time since November 1998.

Wilm had a nice shorthanded goal, his second in as many games, and Hnat Domenichelli, Jarome Iginla and Val Bure also scored for Calgary.

Markus Nazlund and Alex Mogilny replied for the Canucks. Felix Potvin was fairly sharp in net for Vancouver, as he stopped 22 of 25 shots in a losing curve.

Not to be outdone, the man fans call Freddie blocked 16 of 18 shots. He improved his record to 11-8-3 on the year. It was also a highly spirited affair.

Not even half a minute into the game Cale Hulse laid into the Canucks' defenseman Adrian Aulcorn. Then the hard-hitting Denis Gauthier slammed big Ed Jovanovski. Plus Iginla and Jovanovski fought, as did Wilm and Jason Strudwick.

The Flames have dominated the series against Vancouver sporting a 4-0-1 record this season.

The Flames are now 17-17-5, good enough for second place in the Northwest division, one point behind first-place Colorado who they'll meet up with Jan. 5 at the Pepsi Centre.

Flames winger Cory Stillman has undergone an arthroscopic scope on his shoulder.

He's out indefinitely at this time. He was second on the team in goals with 12.

Farm and Ranch Bonspiel sweeps into Didsbury from January 3-8, 2000

By Colleen Horrigan

The annual curling bonspiel reserved specifically for local farm and ranch owners is once again sweeping Didsbury off its feet.

The 40 available rinks were quickly filled with local farmers and business sponsors.

Now in full swing, the bonspiel offers the rural and urban members of the community a chance to spend some time curling, visiting, and maybe even talking some business, according to event chair Harry Reese.

One of the largest bonspiels in Didsbury, this year's event isn't much different from past years.

The bonspiel works around donations from businesses, and is set up so that each business that donates \$100 or more is entitled to have one representative play in the bonspiel.

Farmers and ranchers from the community pre-registered in groups of three, and were randomly assigned a teammate from one of the sponsor businesses.

With the 40 rinks full, this

year's event includes 160 curlers.

Each rink will get a chance to play four games and compete for great prizes that are donated by local businesses.

Reese said that organizers are pleased with this year's prizes and with the response from sponsors and the community.

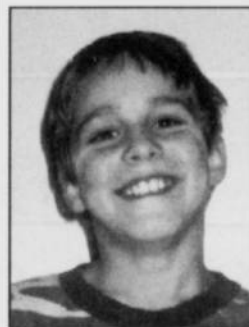
One new feature of this

year's bonspiel is a wing night on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Free and open to anyone, the all-you-can-eat wing night is expected to be a big hit with curlers and spectators alike.

Anyone wishing to watch the matches in person are welcome to attend anytime at the Didsbury Curling Club for the duration of the bonspiel, which runs until Jan. 8.

Didsbury Atom A Rock n' Roll



Dakota Uhrich, #4

Age: 10 years

Position: left wing

Shoots: left

Favorite team: Colorado Avalanche

Favorite thing about hockey: "I love skating and playing games."

NFR ride a bonus for Bill Boyd

By Barry Williams

Success for any cowboy is judged by the quality of the ride.

Although Olds bareback rider, Bill Boyd, failed to capture a go-around at the recent National Finals Rodeo held under the bright lights in Las Vegas, Nevada, it was none the less fairly successful.

"I was not even planning on making the National Finals Rodeo this year, so it was a bonus for me to be able to participate in the event," said Boyd, who qualified for the NFR for the fifth time.

"After four years of not qualifying for the NFR it was good to be back there," added Boyd.

Boyd's best NFR ride was in the seventh round when he placed second.

He also managed to gain a split for the fourth in the final two rounds.

"I guess overall I didn't have a great performance this year but I have done worse," noted Boyd.

According to Boyd, some of the stock at the rodeo was unfamiliar to him, which made it somewhat difficult in covering his mounts.

"Actually, I drew a couple of real good money horses, but they didn't do what they were supposed to do," Boyd said, indicating the horses failed to

buck consistently.

One of the horses Boyd drew, Blue Ridge, was a mount almost guaranteed to carry a cowboy to the payout window, but both horse and rider didn't have a good day and Boyd had to settle for a money split covering the last holes in the round.

"A couple of times before, I had been 89 points on Blue Ridge," noted Boyd.

"He didn't have his day and neither did I and the ride turned out being no good at all," explained Boyd.

"Actually of all the horses I drew at the NFR, the only one I was really familiar with was Blue Ridge," Boyd said, noting most of his mounts were bred in the United States.

"Most of the horses at the rodeo, I had seen perform before but I have never been able to draw them," Boyd added.

Heading into the NFR Boyd qualified in fourteenth position in the Crown Royal Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world standings. At the conclusion of the NFR, Boyd remained in the same position.

With the added bonus money awarded for each go around, Boyd had the potential to move up in the world standings. However, the stiff competition and the quality of the mounts prohibited Boyd from further-

ing his position.

When the 1999 rodeo season concluded, it was probably the most successful one for the two time Canadian Professional Rodeo Association bareback riding champion.

On Canadian soil, Boyd led the CPRA seasonal standings with over \$24,000 in earnings. At the conclusion of the CPRA Canadian National Finals Rodeo held in Edmonton in November, Boyd was ranked fourth.

"It was a long season and now I am just going to relax before I head back on the rodeo circuit," concluded Boyd.

Rodeo action on the CPRA circuit resumes in March with rodeos in Camrose and Calgary with the staging of Rodeo Royal.

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Didsbury Atom A Rock n' Roll



Jonathon Lefebvre, #5

Age: 10 years

Position: left wing

Shoots: left

Favorite team: Phoenix Coyotes

Favorite thing about hockey: "Everything about hockey is fun. The games, the practices, the excitement."

Didsbury Atom A Rock n' Roll



Josh Robertson, #9C

Age: 11 years

Position: centre

Shoots: left

Favorite team: Colorado Avalanche

Favorite thing about hockey: "I really like league games and road trips."

Didsbury Atom A Rock n' Roll



Ryan Miller, #11

Age: 10 years

Position: defense

Shoots: left

Favorite team: Florida Panthers

Favorite thing about hockey: "Shooting, checking and having fun."

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DUE TO UNFORSEEN circumstances, Noranda's Lil Craft Nook will close on Jan. 14, 2000. Thank you for your patronage. 37-1t

OBITUARY

REIBER: Arthur W. Reiber of Main Island, BC, passed away on Dec. 13 at the age of 90 years. Arthur leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Eileen and daughters Marilyn and Diane; one son, Kent; and five grandchildren. Arthur was a long time resident of Didsbury, where he worked in the insurance business and taught school. Arthur was also a Charter Member of the Didsbury Lions Club.

OBITUARIES

LUFT: H. Carl Luft went to be with the Lord at 84 years of age in Didsbury Hospital Dec. 18, following a brief illness. Carl is survived by his loving wife, Lydia. Carl and Lily had celebrated their 60th anniversary Nov. 18, 1999. Carl was predeceased by his daughter, Bev Dippel in December 1997. He is also survived by his son, Gerry (Wyn) and grandchildren, Steven and Lee Anne; his son-in-law, Merle Dippel and granddaughters, Kelly (Dwain) Hicks and Karilyn (Dan) Northcott; great-grandsons, Michael and Colin; three sisters, Florence Gimbel, Dorothy Hehr and Hilda Elhard; sister-in-law, Evelyn Luft. Carl started his farming career at Carbon, AB where he was raised and after he and Lil were married, they farmed in the Carstairs area for over 50 years. Carl's farming excellence won him several provincial awards for grain production and quality. His innovative and independent attitude led him to constantly explore new farming methods and equipment. He was a long time member of Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. He and Lil retired and moved to Didsbury in 1992. Funeral services were held on Dec. 22, 1999 from the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church with Pastor Grant Sikstrom officiating. Interment followed from the Didsbury Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Gideons or the Canadian Cancer Society. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

BROWN: Helena Myrtle Brown passed away peacefully on Dec. 18, 1999 at the Didsbury and District Health Care Services Centre at the age of 85 years. Born in Calgary Oct. 5, 1914, she completed Grade 12 in Didsbury and attended Bible school in Sexsmith and went to normal school in Calgary. Miss Brown went on to complete her university education and correspondence courses. She received her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and a graduate diploma in early childhood education from the University of Calgary. After starting her career in 1936, she spent the last 25 years teaching Grade 1 in Didsbury. Miss Brown will be remembered for her dedication to her students and her career which she considered as part of God's plan for her. The central part of Miss Brown's life was her commitment to Christ and the church. Her love for children was known to all and she worked tirelessly with them both professionally, in the church and in her family. Having no children of her own, she loved her many nieces, nephews and eventually their children as well. She expressed an avid interest in life, traveled widely, took courses and read constantly. She was also an accomplished writer and published author. She corresponded and maintained contact with many people. Miss Brown is survived by two sisters, Lydia Penner of Three Hills, AB; Ruth (Peter) Poettcker of Pincher Creek, AB; brother, Henry (Mary) Brown of Didsbury. She was predeceased by three sisters, Georgina Sawatsky, Elsie Hamm and Emma Loewen; four brothers, George, Roland, David and infant Cornelius. She will be remembered and greatly missed by her family and numerous friends. Funeral services were held Dec. 22 from the Berghal Mennonite Church with Pastor Bruce Wiebe officiating. Interment followed from the Berghal Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Mennonite Central Committee Alberta. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with the arrangements.

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Health Canada warning: do not use Miralex cream

Health Canada is warning consumers who use Miralex Cream to contact their health care provider as soon as possible because it has been found to contain clobetasol, a prescription drug which could cause severe adverse reactions if used without medical supervision. It is important that individuals using Miralex Cream get their health care provider's help in finding an alternative treatment.

Miralex Cream is distributed in Canada by Miralex Health Care Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hueson Pharmaceutical Corporation. It is promoted as a naturally-derived product. It is packaged in a white cylindrical jar containing four ounces of clear cream. The name Miralex Cream is printed in black and red on a white label. A picture of the product is available on Health Canada's website at www.hc-sc.gc.ca.

Health Canada has received written assurance from Miralex Health Care Inc. that they have voluntarily stopped the sale of Miralex Cream for psoriasis. Psoriasis is a chronic skin disorder that can be painful and disabling.

It should be treated under

the supervision of a health care practitioner. However, to suddenly stop using a steroid-containing product such as Miralex, may cause the more common form of plaque psoriasis to convert to pustular psoriasis.

This may be a serious conversion that requires hospitalization and that may be life-threatening.

More commonly, patients may see their psoriasis worsen.

This risk makes it critical that individuals using Miralex Cream contact their doctor before they stop using the product.

Consumers may also have used Miralex for itchy, scaly, or dry skin, not realizing that the cream is a steroid-containing product.

Steroid-containing products applied to the skin can cause thinning of the skin and dilation of tiny blood vessels, resulting in permanent scarring, stretch marks and secondary infections.

Using clobetasol in large amounts or over a long period of time can cause the more serious side effects that are associated with use of steroid hormones.

These include high blood

pressure, diabetes, hairiness, acne, osteoporosis, weakening of bones, impaired wound healing, decreased resistance to infection, muscular wasting and behavioural changes such as mania and psychosis.

More important, misuse of clobetasol or other steroid-containing products can suppress the body's ability to produce its own corticosteroids which are needed to fight infection or deal with traumatic injury.

These products should also be used with caution on lesions close to the eye because they may increase intra-ocular pressure, glaucoma or cataracts. Children are at a greater risk than adults when treated with steroid-containing creams.

The public is advised to discuss with their health care provider the disposal or the return of the product to the company in Canada.

Health Canada is issuing this warning to advise consumers, the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Psoriasis Foundation, and the provincial ministries of health.

Health Canada has also issued a nationwide import alert for detention of Miralex Cream at all border entry points to protect Canadians.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

Get Acquainted

Everyone welcome to a get acquainted reception and tea to meet our local medical practitioners to be held Jan. 9 from 2-4 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre (2500 15th Ave). Sponsored by the Rosebud Health Foundation.

Public Meeting

An open meeting will be held on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex. Come out and give your input concerning the future of the Didsbury Hospital. For more information, contact the Town Office at 335-3391.

DIDSBURY

Weight Loss Program

Join us on a journey to permanent weight loss. Weigh Down Workshop is a Christ-centered seminar that replaces devotion to the refrigerator with a life-changing love for God. Orientation night about the program will be held at the First Baptist Church, 5005 53rd Ave., Olds, on Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact Meryl (evenings) 556-4126 or Janice 335-4999. We'd love for you to join us on this journey!

DIDSBURY

Monthly Meeting

Didsbury Show and Shine Monthly Meeting will be Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at Didsbury Inn. New members welcome.

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Call the Didsbury Review before Fridays at noon at 335-3301.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868. Will be closed Dec. 18 to Jan. 18.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KINGHIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marge Stecker at 335-4281

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

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DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

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CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

An educational and social program for children 3-5 years is now accepting registrations for Sept. To register or for info call Cherie at 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Rosis Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

DIDSBURY

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

CREMONA

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Sunday. For more info call 337-2331

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

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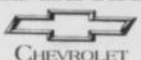
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